GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3314
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PURCHASE OF DTP UNIT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Directorate of Printing had purchased a DTP Unit in September, 1995 from M/s Monotype India Limited;

(b) whether the Press authorities were pressurised by the Director (Ptg.) to recommend and purchase of said System;

(c) whether the officers concerned of Minto Road Press failed to furnish the utilisation capacity to the CAG Investigating team; and

(d) if so, the remedial action taken by the Ministry in the said case?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The DTP Unit was purchased after following the codal formalities of open tender system and with the approval of the competent authority. The Rates of M/s Monotype India Ltd.were the lowest and the system offered by them was found to meet the technical requirements. A Technical committee (comprising of Senior Officers from Directorate of Printing and Managers of two different Govt. of India Presses) had confirmed suitability of the system. The question of pressurising press authorities, therefore, does not arise.

(c): The information about utilization capacity of the DTP System could not be provided to the Special Investigation Team of Audit since separate production data for this system are not available. In Minto Road Press, the DTP System has been interlinked with the PTS System-6.The Press is entrusted with urgent and time bound Parliamentary jobs and priority is given to quick processing of these jobs. As such both the DTP System and the PTS system are put to work simultaneously. Text is fed and composing is done simultaneously on both systems and final output could be taken on either of the systems. Therefore, it is not possible to maintain record of production data for these two systems separately. The Audit has been apprised about this on 9.8.2001 and no further comments have so far been received.

(d): In view of reply to (b) & (c) above, the question does not arise.